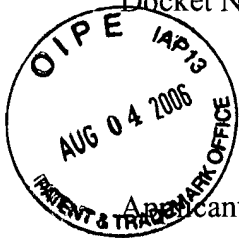


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Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING EXTENSION REACTION WITH PRIMERS,
METHOD FOR DISTINGUISHING KIND OF BASES, APPARATUS FOR
DISTINGUISHING KIND OF BASES, APPARATUS FOR DETECTING
PYROPHOSPHATE, METHOD FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID, AND TIP TO
MOUNT SAMPLE SOLUTION

AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action dated March 28, 2006. Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-identified patent application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This amendment is being filed in support of Applicant's request. Please charge the \$790.00 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) due in connection with the filing of this request and amendment to Deposit Account 500417.

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It is respectfully requested that Applicant's request be approved. Please cancel claims 13-18, 28 and 28-30 directed to non-elected invention, subject to Applicant's right to file a divisional application on the non-elected invention. Also, please add new claims 31-34 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" beginning page 3 of this response.